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MOSES' BILL TO CHANGE REDEVELOPMENT LANGUAGE PASSES OUT OF HOUSE

INDIANAPOLIS – Today the Senate version of State Rep. Win Moses' (D-Fort Wayne) bill to change redevelopment language in Indiana law was approved in the Indiana House of Representatives.

House Bill 1590 will soften the language in the state's redevelopment laws where the term "blighted area" is used to describe areas in need of development. Moses would like to see the language changed to "areas in need of redevelopment" or "redevelopment project area" so the language is less offensive.

"There have been instances of tension when areas being redeveloped have been referred to as blighted areas," said Moses. "By changing the language, this legislation would make the process easier and more pleasant than it has been in the past."

Moses' legislation originated with the East Central Neighborhood Association and their concerns about being called a blighted area. The Allen County commissioners asked Moses to introduce the bill on their behalf.

The legislation passed 89-0 and will now be sent to the governor for consideration.